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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/ZA 03/00068

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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